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1. GOVERNOR SCRANTON MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT DURING
THE JANUARY 13 SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE BOTSWANA COM-
PLAINT:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

FIRST, MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU WHOLE-
HEARTEDLY ON YOUR PRESIDENCY OF THIS IMPORTANT BODY,
AND TO ASSURE YOU OF MY DELEGATION'S COOPERATION WITH
YOUR LEADERSHIP. AS I MENTIONED IN OUR RECENT CONSULTATIONS,
I WILL REMEMBER YOUR WORK AT CAMP DAVID, AT THE TIME OF
THE FAMOUS "SPIRIT OF CAMP DAVID", AND THE REPUTATION THAT
YOU HAD THEN AND NOW -- OF NOT ONLY BEING AN ASSIDUOUS
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AND EFFECTIVE HARD-WORKER, BUT AN OUTSTANDING LINGUIST
WHO NOT ONLY SPEAKS ENGLISH BETTER THAN MANY OF THE ENGLISH
BUT ALSO OUR AMERICAN VERNACULAR BETTER THAN WE "WARPERS"
OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

LIKewise, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AMBASSADOR DATCU FOR
HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP DURING HIS PRESIDENCY OF THIS

BODY IN DECEMBER. THOUGH I HAVE BEEN IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL BUT A SHORT TIME, NO ONE HAS GIVEN US MORE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP THAN AMBASSADOR DATCU AND, AS I HAVE TOLD HIM PERSONALLY, HIS SUPERVISION OF THE RECENT ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS TRULY REMARKABLE; EVEN IN MY HOME CONSTITUENCY IN PENNSYLVANIA, SUCH AN ELECTION WOULD PROBABLY HAVE RESULTED IN AT LEAST SIXTEEN VOTES.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, OUR FRIENDS FROM CANADA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, INDIA, MAURITIUS, AND VENEZUELA. WE ALL KNOW THAT THEY WILL ADD ENORMOUSLY TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS BODY IN ITS DELIBERATIONS.

I CANNOT OVERLOOK COMMENTING ON THOSE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT THIS BODY. AMBASSADORS JACKSON, VINCI, ABE, SALIM, AND BYDBECK ARE ALL OUTSTANDING MEN AND DIPLOMATS AND SERVED BOTH THEIR COUNTRIES AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL ITSELF, MOST MERITORIOUSLY. ONE PERSONAL COMMENT ABOUT THE CHANGE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE: HAVING BEEN SEATED NEXT TO MY FRIEND SALIM AND JUST ONE AWAY FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARD, I HAVE NOTICED A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE NOW. THAT PROFUSION OF PACIFYING PERFUMERY PERPETRATED BY THEIR PRESTIGIOUS SPECIES OF POLLUTION -- OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THEIR CIGARS -- SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED.

NOW, MR. PRESIDENT, WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY BEFORE US. THE REAL SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND TO MANY

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OTHER PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ARISEN WITH REGARD TO THE RELATIONSHIPS OF NEAR NEIGHBORS TO THE PRESENT REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA IS CLEARLY A CHANGEOVER TO MAJORITY RULE IN THAT COUNTRY -- AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WITH A MINIMUM OF VIOLENCE AND HUMAN SUFFERING. THE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS NOW GOING ON TO BRING ABOUT JUST SUCH AN OBJECTIVE HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED KINGDOM AND LED BY OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, AMBASSADOR IVOR RICHARD. THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE HOPED FOR OUTCOME OF MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA ARE A REAL TEST OF THOSE COUNTRIES AND PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED AND LIKEWISE IT IS A TEST OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THOSE OF US HERE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS ASSURED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OF ITS COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS THEY ARE UNDERTAKING TO BRING ABOUT MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. WE BELIEVE THIS EFFORT IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. ACCORDINGLY, OUR DELEGATION HAS BEEN

INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW AND SUPPORT THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE
MATTER BEFORE US IN VIEW OF ITS CLOSE REFERENCE TO THOSE
EFFORTS.

I DO NOT WISH TO END MY COMMENTS RIGHT THERE, IN THE
EVENT OF ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT OUR CONCERN FOR THE ISSUE
BEFORE US. I WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE PRESENTATION YESTERDAY
OF THE DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER OF BOTSWANA, HIS
EXCELLENCY ARCHIBALD MOGWE, BOTH BY HIS EXPOSITION OF THE ISSUE
AND THE FACTS AND ESPECIALLY BY HIS CONSIDERED OBJECTIVITY.
BOTH MY GOVERNMENT, AND I PERSONALLY, FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT
BOTSWANA AND ITS CONCERNS ARE CONCERNS OF OURS. THE UNITED
STATES HAS IN THE PAST PROVIDED DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO
BOTSWANA AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE. OUR GOVERN-
MENT WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND WORK FOR THE KIND OF PEACEFUL
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHICH WILL TRULY ASSURE
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THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF BOTSWANA.

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IN JUNE OF THIS PAST YEAR, I HAD THE HIGH PRIVILEGE OF VISITING GABARONE AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA AND SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE PROBLEMS FACING HIS COUNTRY AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. TO SAY THAT I WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH HIS DEDICATION TO FINDING SOLUTIONS TO BOTSWANA'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND TO THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING SOUTHERN AFRICA IS TO PUT IT VERY MILDLY, INDEED. IN MY JUDGMENT HE IS AN OUTSTANDING LEADER, A MAN OF HIGH PRINCIPLE AND DEEP CONVICTION, WHO HAS WORKED UNTIRINGLY FOR A PEACEFUL, MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY IN HIS COUNTRY WITH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

THOUGH OF SIZEABLE TERRITORY, BOTSWANA IS SMALL IN POPULATION -- BUT LIKE MANY SMALL COUNTRIES WITH IMPRESSIVE LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED PEOPLE IT IS VERY MEANINGFUL IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND INDEED THE WORLD. I LOOK FOR THE DAY SOON WHEN THE BRINGING ABOUT OF MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA WILL TERMINATE THE CONSTANT AFFLICTIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO
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COUNTRIES, AND I REITERATE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S DEDICATION TO THAT OBJECTIVE.

LAST, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST, I WISH TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR THE KIND WORDS DIRECTED TO ME BY SPEAKERS DURING THE CURRENT DEBATE. I LEAVE THIS BODY IN A FEW DAYS AND IN DOING SO I HAVE A VERY WARM FEELING FOR IT, FOR ALL OF YOU, AND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS.

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